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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 06, 2016 12:22 PM  
**To:** PortlandHarbor  
**Subject:** FW: Portland Oregon harbor cleanup

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2016 12:29 PM  
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>  
Subject: Portland Oregon harbor cleanup

Dear EPA,

I am very concerned that the draft plan for cleaning up the Willamette river falls far short of what I was both expecting and what I feel is warranted to be done at this time.

The concept of a monitored recovery is much too passive and basically leaves the pollution where it is while hoping that there won't be problems in the future. We don't really know what problems have already been caused, yet, it is crystal clear that the pollutants are very toxic to the environment. The plan over-all, relies on letting the pollutants stay where they are while allowing the river to serve as a toxic waste dump.

There doesn't seem to be a vigorous enough list of objectively measured outcomes. One of these needs to be that fish that live in the river and already demonstrate toxic levels of pollutants, must demonstrate over a reasonable fish life cycle that the pollutants are no longer showing up in significant quantities in the fish.

The various entities responsible for the pollution must be held liable and accountable for a comprehensive cleanup.

Thank you.  
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